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*The Friday Memo*

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A PUBLIC AGENDA FOR  
COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS

**[Illinois Association for Institutional Research  
2008 Annual Forum includes keynote on Public Agenda](#)**

Illinois' higher education researchers gathered on Thursday, Nov. 6 and Friday, Nov. 7 to discuss key research underway across the state. Judy Erwin, executive director, IBHE, was keynote speaker discussing the Public Agenda's common agenda with institutional researchers. "Our plans for the future of Illinois will be only as good as the evidence-based data we can collect and analyze to show that our recommended actions steps have been effective. Illinois must move ahead, and quickly, on developing a P-20 student data system to collect the information we need in order to measure performance and compare our benchmarks with the most competitive states and countries."

**[Illinois State hosts summit on accountability](#)**

Illinois State University (ISU) and the Illinois Association of Deans of Public Colleges of Education are hosting a Summit: "Building a Meaningful Educational Accountability System," on November 17. Illinois colleges of education, along with the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Board of Higher Education are invited to participate in the session which will be held at the ISU Alumni Center, Normal. Arthur Levine will join the summit, and also will be giving a public presentation at 7:00 pm on November 18 at the Alumni Center.

**[A presidential view of higher education](#)**

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education has released a new report, "The Iron Triangle: College Presidents Talk About Costs, Access, and Quality." This report by Public Agenda explores how college and university presidents view higher education today. Researchers surveyed the presidents on topics including cost, access, and quality, and found a disconnect between the presidents' perspectives on higher education and that of the general public.

**[Learn about the Illinois High School to College Success Report](#)**

Regional meetings are being held around the state to inform secondary and postsecondary educators about the Illinois High School

**UPCOMING**

**November**

- 7 IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon
- 10 [Public Agenda Hearing](#), Chicago State University
- 17 IBHE Disability Advisory Committee, IBHE, Springfield
- 17-18 [Building a Meaningful Educational Accountability System: A Summit](#), Illinois State University, Normal
- 21 [Public Agenda Task Force](#), Robert Morris College Chicago

**December**

- 4 [Ill.HS to College Success Report Regional Forum](#), Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield
- 5 IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, Springfield
- 6-7 IBHE Student Advisory Committee Orientation, DeVry Univ.- Tinley Park
- 9 IBHE meeting, National-Louis University, Chicago
- 16 [Ill.HS to College Success Report Regional Forum](#), Harold Washington

to College Success Report, and the pilot scheduled to begin in 2009. There are three regional meetings scheduled in November and December (See the calendar for dates and places). Teams from high schools, colleges, and universities are encouraged to attend.

### [A week to honor non-traditional students](#)

The Association of Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education has sponsored the annual Non-Traditional Student Week, November 2-8. Several institutions sponsored special events to recognize the contributions non-traditional students make to higher education, including [Moraine Valley](#) Community College and [Millikin](#) University.

### **SIUC honored for disability services**

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has received the first *disabilityworks Innovation Award* for the contributions of Kathleen Plesko, Director of the SIUC Office for Disability Services and Michael Lawrence, who recently stepped down as Director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. The award was given during the *Illinois Workforce Development Awards Banquet & Ceremony* on October 30, sponsored by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The SIUC center has a record of leadership and services for students with disabilities, including employment of students/graduates with disabilities. The center has been collaborating with **disabilityworks** and the Illinois Veterans Affairs Office for several years. Its other partners include: John A. Logan College, Rend Lake College, Shawnee Community College, Southeastern Illinois College, and SIU Edwardsville.

### [Community college administrators to gather for annual conference](#)

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual Illinois Council of Community College Administrators Fall Conference will be held November 19-21 at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel in Decatur, Illinois, in partnership with the Institute for Leadership and Core Values. Keynote speakers include Bill Kling, a professor, attorney, and policy expert who will discuss the "holistic" role of community colleges; former Richland Community College President Charles Novak, who has chaired the Illinois Core Values and Leadership Initiative; and Dr. Rushworth Kidder, president and founder of the Institute for Global Ethics.

### [USDOE broadcast to focus on paying for college](#)

College affordability will be the focus of the U.S. Department of Education's next "Education News Parents Can Use" broadcast on November 18, 7-8 p.m. CT. Key reforms to make college more affordable include: streamlining the FAFSA application; raising the Pell Grant award; and ensuring better coordination among high schools and colleges to encourage low-income students to take the rigorous courses necessary to qualify for Academic Competitiveness (AC) and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) grants. In addition, new tools like College.gov, FAFSA4caster, and College Navigator are helping millions of families navigate the process of selecting and paying for college. The broadcast will highlight federal

student aid programs, tools, and resources; spotlight schools and districts that are implementing innovative initiatives and programs to help disadvantaged youth succeed in and pay for college; and provide tips to help parents plan for and finance college.

## *People in the News*

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Northern Illinois University President [John Peters](#) has won “The President’s Award” from a Midwest-based regional chapter of NASPA: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

[Angela Rosc](#) has been named NIU Student Lincoln Laureate. Annually, each of the state’s four-year public universities selects one Student Lincoln Laureate, recognizing excellence in both curricular and extracurricular activities. Rosc traveled to Springfield recently for the Lincoln Laureate ceremony in the House of Representatives of the Old State Capitol.

[Jay Budzik](#), founder and chief technology officer of Chicago-based MediaRiver, has been appointed to the Illinois Math and Science Academy board of trustees. He is a 1995 graduate the school.

[Ruth Watkins](#), vice provost and a professor in the department of speech and hearing science, has been named the Harry E. Preble Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

[Gregory M. Rose](#) received the appointment as the first full-time director of the Center for Integrated Research in Cognitive and Neural Sciences. He will hold a professorship in the Department of Anatomy in the SIU School of Medicine, effective Jan. 12.

## *Campus News*

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### [DePaul University Names New Trustees With A Range Of Financial Acumen To Its Board](#)

DePaul University has announced that six members have joined its Board of Trustees. New members include five noted corporate leaders and a Vincentian priest with expertise in science and ethics.

### [Joliet Junior College Voters Approve Referendum](#)

Voters in JJC's seven-county district passed the college's \$89 million bond referendum.

### [A Sense of Place: WIU Multicultural Center](#)



More than one year after the official groundbreaking, Western Illinois University's Multicultural Center looms three stories high, with laborers working daily to complete the structure that will house the Women's Center, Casa Latina Cultural Center and the Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center.

### ['No Child' law gets an 'F' from education professor at Illinois](#)

The controversial No Child Left Behind law has forced teachers in low-income school districts to craft a curriculum that marginalizes writing at the expense of teaching to the test, resulting in educators who feel straitjacketed by a high-stakes test, according to a U. of I. education professor who has studied the issue.

### [Professors of educational psychology return to high school to observe how boys, girls learn science](#)

Two professors from Northern Illinois University's College of Education have gone back to high school.

### [MORE CAMPUS NEWS](#)

## *[News from Higher Education](#)*

### [Studies Link Use of Part-Time Instructors to Lower Student Success](#)

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

At a time when colleges are under increasing financial pressure to rely more on part-time faculty, three new studies suggest that doing so erodes the quality of education many students receive.

### [UI president: Global Campus should have accreditation](#)

(News-Gazette)

Not enough students are enrolling in the University of Illinois' Global Campus, and not enough faculty are developing programs for the online education initiative.

### [Turning Life Experience Into College Credit](#)

(The New York Times)

You've seen the ads: "Earn credit for life experience! Shorten time toward degree! Pay less!" Such promises aren't necessarily the mark

of a diploma mill. Many accredited continuing education programs award “prior learning credit” for knowledge acquired from activities like political work, retail management, corporate administration, writing, even travel.

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